

## House Resolution 117 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

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1 A Resolution supporting trapshooting as a sanctioned  
2 high school sport.

3 WHEREAS, trapshooting is one of the three major  
4 forms of competitive clay pigeon shooting and is  
5 growing in popularity throughout the United States and  
6 Iowa; and

7 WHEREAS, trapshooting games were originally meant  
8 for hunters to develop their hunting skills, but have  
9 obtained international recognition and are encouraged  
10 by sports associations; and

11 WHEREAS, trapshooting is considered to be an  
12 exciting and challenging sport in which many people,  
13 young and old, male and female, of all abilities,  
14 compete in trapshooting events; and

15 WHEREAS, trapshooting has been a sport since at  
16 least 1793, when real birds were used, with clay  
17 targets being introduced in the 1880s; and

18 WHEREAS, Olympic trap is one of the International  
19 Shooting Sport Federation shooting events, introduced  
20 to the Olympic program in 1900, while the current  
21 version of the sport was introduced in 1950; and

22 WHEREAS, the Iowa State Trapshooting Association  
23 annually sponsors a five-day statewide shooting  
24 event; and

25 WHEREAS, trapshooting competitions promote tourism  
26 in Iowa by bringing in participants and their families  
27 from around the country to stay in motels, eat in  
28 restaurants, shop in retail stores, and purchase

1 products from vendors at events; and

2 WHEREAS, a great deal of coordination and discipline  
3 is needed for trapshooting, trapshooting tests a  
4 player's skills in marksmanship and strategy and  
5 improves the confidence of youth who may not possess  
6 the physical attributes to compete in other competitive  
7 sports offered at their schools; and

8 WHEREAS, the goal of any program of youth  
9 trapshooting should be to provide instruction and  
10 promote gun safety, personal responsibility, and  
11 sportsmanship among primary and secondary students; and

12 WHEREAS, many state organizations award scholarships  
13 to college-bound trapshooters based on citizenship,  
14 scholarship, and need, and many youth trapshooters  
15 are now attending college with the help of those  
16 scholarships; and

17 WHEREAS, our youth should have the opportunity and  
18 be encouraged to participate in trapshooting in the  
19 same manner as other youth extracurricular activities,  
20 including football, baseball, softball, basketball,  
21 track, scouting, and band; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
23 the House of Representatives encourages the school  
24 boards of every school district in the state of Iowa,  
25 in conjunction with public and private groups, to  
26 voluntarily promote and include trapshooting as a high  
27 school sport for the youth of our state; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
29 resolution be sent to the Director of the Department of  
30 Education, the Director of the Department of Natural

1 Resources, and the Iowa State Trapshooting Association.